

## **Immunization Registry Progress in West Virginia**

### **Immunization Coverage in West Virginia:**

According to National Immunization Survey (NIS) data for July 1998 to June 1999, the percentage of children 19-35 months of age who were up-to-date with 4 doses of diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, 3 doses of poliomyelitis, and 1 dose of measles, mumps, rubella vaccine was 82%. This coverage rate is two percentage points above the national average (80%).

### **Background:**

The kick-off for the West Virginia State Immunization Information System is scheduled for early August, and soon thereafter, the program will begin to publicize the registry. Expectations are that the system will be of great benefit to all West Virginians.

### **Helpful immunization and immunization registry contacts in West Virginia:**

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### **Suggestions for Mrs. Underwood's involvement and support:**

Mrs. Underwood has already expressed her support of the registry, and as soon as it becomes operational, WV SIIS will contact the First Lady and ask her for public support.